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## PROGRESSIVE CONVOCATION

(Communicated).  
This is what is said to have taken place there:  
As usual, the brethren met for conference and mutual congratulation and condolence, Brother Jaws in the chair. No minutes. The chairman, craving general attention, asked the regular opening questions:  
Q. What is the chief end of man?  
A. (In unison) Man's chief end is to glorify Roosevelt and enjoy him forever.  
Q. What is the object of the Progressive Party?  
A. The object of the Progressive Party is to utterly smash the Republican party, re-elect Wilson; continue the Democrats in control till they have effectually destroyed all prosperity, beggared the laboring man, and brought the country to a realizing sense of the power of Roosevelt, to whom let there ever be power and glory, world without end. Amen!  
Q. What do our platforms principally teach?  
A. Our platforms principally teach what man is to believe concerning Roosevelt, and what duty Roosevelt requires of man.  
The chairman then announced that the meeting was open for remarks in praise of Roosevelt and in supporting his principles. At the same time cautioning the brethren against any reference to Roosevelt's solemn and oft-repeated declaration to the American people that never on any consideration would he consent to run as a candidate for a third term.  
At this point Brother Rusher arose and called on "Mr. Seatman!" "Chairman, you mean!" came from several persons. "No, I don't! I mean Mr. Seatman. Is not this the Progressive party? Would there be any progress if we did not drop that old, threadbare, worn-out word 'Chairman'?" (Murmurs of approval from all sides.) Brother Rusher continued: "When I was a Civic Fed, you will remember that I was fierce for individual liberty. My organ, 'The Enemy,' frequently stated that no man should be held to vote for the candidate of his party if he felt like voting for the other side. But now I have become a Progressive and distrust men. They are faithless and must be held down with bonds of iron. As you all know, I am—so to speak—up in covenants, that's my business; so I now move to amend our rules, recently adopted, to supply an iron-clad oath which every Progressive and all of your disciples must subscribe: requiring an absolute subjugation of the will to Roosevelt's requirements as voiced by the party bosses—no! Mr. Seatman! that's a slip of the tongue—we have eschewed bosses! I mean, returning to the ancient Republican (properly Progressive) simplicity of our Greek or Hebrew ancestors, I forget which; tyrants, the party tyrants. No matter what the requirements of the party, the tyrants or Roosevelt maybe, the neophyte and all must absolutely obey!" Again murmurs of approval, mingled with marked dissent from new members, till the meeting decorously adjourned with much confusion, Jaws and Yack hurling their deffis to the world.

## PORTER CHARLTON STUDIES ITALIAN IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE JURY

[Associated Press]  
COMO, Italy, Apr. 13.—Porter Charlton, the young American, who killed the young Mary Scott Charlton, when they were spending their honeymoon here in June, 1910, has acquired a sufficient knowledge of Italian to avail himself of the privilege under the Italian law to be the first and the last to address the jurors before whom he is to be tried on the charge of murder.  
Sympathy for the accused youth has been demonstrated frequently during his detention in the San Domenico jail, since extradition from the United States last August. While Charlton has been studying the language of the country his lawyers have been working up public opinion in his favor. The effect is apparent. Visitors to the jail are many and privileges have been granted to the prisoner by the director and keepers of the jail. His meals are served from the outside. Good food and daily exercise in the courtyard of the palace of justice have kept him in fine health.  
It may be mid-summer before the case is tried, delays being due to extended investigations undertaken by both sides.  
Charlton's lawyers have been getting in touch with numerous witnesses in America. Twenty of them have been subpoenaed, and it is expected that several may appear personally before the court of assizes at Como to contribute their testimony as to the psychological condition of the accused.  
While the case is new in the sense that it is the first time an American citizen has been extradited and tried in Italy, it does not differ greatly from the so-called crimes of passion so frequent here.  
"Studying the terrible drama, we have become convinced and will demonstrate," say Charlton's lawyers in a sketch of the theories they will pursue, "that an obscure and inevitable fatality presides over these awful crimes which go from love to death, from the idyll to tragedy, by which a human life is suddenly cut short by the hand of a creature who loved, and still passionately loves, and who after the crime remains terrified, weakened, and stunned by what he has done, incapable of believing that the blood was shed by him."  
"Charlton of weak character, inexperienced, overwhelmed by the artful attractions of Mary Scott, was captured in an almost pathological fascination, had his conscience weakened and enslaved and became the easy tool of incoherent and illogical excesses."  
"To prove this we have added to the documents of the trial the interviews with Dr. Procaccini, major of the royal navy, who traveled as royal commissioner aboard the steamer which brought Charlton from New York to Naples. Dr. Procaccini, after having studied Charlton for about two weeks, expressed the opinion that at the time of the crime he was in a state of 'moral infancy,' and therefore in a condition of not realizing the enormity of what he had done."  
"In the majority of cases these crimes arouse the pity, not the severity of the jurors. If the accused is acquitted the reason will not be found in sentimentality or distortion of the human sense of justice, but rather in the conviction of the jurors that human agencies should not inflict further penalties upon the man before them who, having made a victim of another, is himself the victim of an inexorable fate."  
"We shall prove before the court of assizes that the Charlton drama is due to an aberration which upset the normal mental faculties of the accused. This will clearly appear from the interrogation of witnesses, and our contention will be further supported by the testimony of Italian alienists."

## BANQUET BOARD WELL FILLED BY OCEANIC LODGE

With but a few missing, the membership of Oceanic Lodge No. 371, F. & A. M., attended the banquet at the Moana Hotel last night. The good time was given under the auspices of the lodge, and was of a purely fraternal and social nature. The time set for the gathering was 7:30, and at that hour the brethren filled into the Masonically-decorated dining-room, and—well, they caught the last car home.

George A. Davis very creditably filled the chair of toastmaster, and after he had set the ball rolling there was something doing every minute thereafter. Past Master W. R. Farrington filled the hall with a patriotic atmosphere when he responded to the toastmaster with "The President of the United States." Frank E. Thompson followed with a most entertaining talk on Masons in general. And so it went down the line, the members being regaled with different versions of Masonry by P. M. Chas. G. Bockus, P. M. M. M. Johnson, J. R. MacLean, and a very interesting historical resume of the early days of Oceanic Lodge under its former regime and name by Past Master Ed Towse. A number of visiting brethren from the other Masonic lodges in Honolulu were present and added to the general good feeling with short talks on the Masonic fraternity.

Four Masonic members of the McRae troupe were present, and two of them gave a short Shakespearean sketch that was greatly appreciated, while a third entertained with short, laughable sketches.

A few Masonic remarks by B. F.

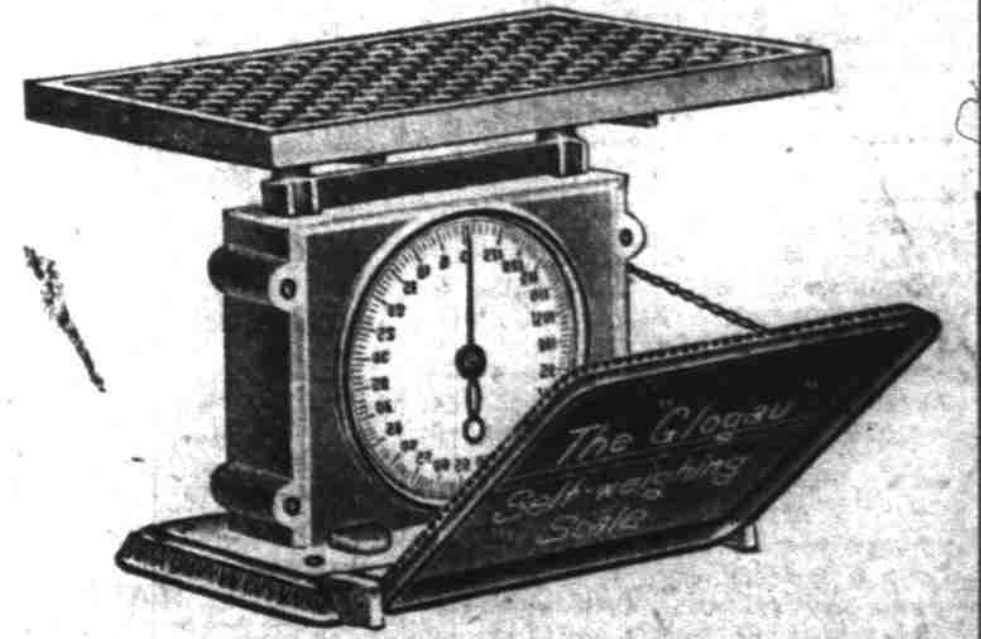
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J. P. McClory, president of North Dakota's commission to the Panama-Pacific international exposition at San Francisco, and architect, Joseph Bell De Remer, are in San Francisco preliminary to beginning plans for the North Dakota state pavilion. Work on the plans will begin at once and President McClory will remain in San Francisco until the contract has been awarded. "North Dakota will be fittingly represented at the Panama-Pacific international exposition," said Mr. McClory. "We intend erecting a beautiful building and are determined to rush its construction."

